

Soldiers Belonging to Maharashtra

[†]2499. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers belonging to Maharashtra and posted in Jammu and Kashmir and other border areas, martyred and injured, respectively, since 1st January, 1996 together with the number of soldiers who have received bravery awards during this period;

(b) what are the details of the arrangements made by Government for the livelihood of such soldiers; and

(c) what are the names of all those soldiers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (c) Details of casualties and bravery award winners are not maintained State-wise.

(b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Arrangements made by Government for the livelihood of soldiers

Benefits to NOK of battle casualty	Benefits to the injured personnel
<p>(I) Liberalised Family Pension Widow: Liberalised family pension equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn by the deceased. Pension at this rate is payable to the widow in the case of officers and to the nominated heir in the case of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) until death or disqualification on account of</p>	<p>(A) Those invalidated out of service (I) War Injury Pension War Injury Pension equal to reckonable emoluments last drawn for 100% disability. This is proportionately reduced for lesser degree of disablement subject to a minimum of 60% in case of officers and 80% in case of Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR).</p>

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remarriage with a person other than the real brother of the deceased. On remarriage with any other person, widow is given ordinary family pension and children are given education allowance.

Children: If the personnel is not survived by widow but is survived by child/children only, in addition to Special Family Pension at the prescribed rates (ranging between 30% to 60% depending on the pay drawn by the deceased), children education allowance at the rate of Rs. 150/-p.m. per child in the case of officers and at the rate of Rs. 100/- p.m. per child in the case of PBORs is also paid.

Parents: Where an officer dies as a bachelor or as a widower without children, dependent pension is admissible without reference to their pecuniary circumstances at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the reckonable emoluments drawn by the deceased officer for both parents and at $\frac{3}{4}$ of this rates for a single parent. On the death of one parent, dependent pension at the latter rate is

Benefits to the injured personnel

(II) **Retirement Gratuity**—Maximum of Rs. 3.5 lakhs depending upon years of service.

(III) **Constant attendance allowance**—
Rs. 300 p.m. for 100% disability on the recommendations of the medical board.

(IV) Benefits from Army Central Welfare Fund (ACWF)

Rs. 1 Lakh or Rs. 60,000/- + three wheeler scooter, electric wheel chair or any other appliance costing upto Rs. 40,000/- for casualties upto 30 April, 1999. In respect of casualties beyond this date, disabled soldiers are paid the following grant from ACWF:-

- (i) Over 75% disability - Rs. 30,000/-
- (ii) 50% to 75% disability - Rs. 20,000/-
- (iii) Less than 50% disability - Rs. 10,000/-

(V) **National Defence Fund (NDF)** (for Kargil casualty only—between 1.5.1999 to 31.10.1999)

Ex-gratia:

- (a) Rs. 6 lakhs for more than 75% disability.

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admissible to the surviving parent. In the absence of wife and children, pension at the prescribed rates is admissible to the parents of the deceased.

(II) Death Gratuity:

Less than one year service — 2 months reckonable emoluments.

Between 1—5 years service — 6 month's reckonable Emoluments.

Over 5 years, But below 20 Years service — 12 month's reckonable Emoluments.

20 years or more service - One month's pay for every completed year of service subject to a maximum of 33 months or Rs. 3.5 lakhs whichever is less

Family Gratuity: Family Gratuity ranging between Rs. 450/- & Rs. 1600/- for Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs)

Benefits to the injured personnel

(b) Rs. 4.5 lakhs for more than 50% and upto 75% disability.

(c) Rs. 3 lakhs for 50% disability or less.

Rs. 5 lakhs for **Dwelling Unit**

Rs. 1 lakh per child for education (Restricted to maximum two children per family).

(VI) Leave Encashment—Maximum 300 days depending upon the number of years of service.

(VII) Army Group Insurance Benefits

As per entitlement

(B) Those retained in service

If an individual is retained in service despite disability due to War Injury, he can opt for lumpsum compensation i.e. capitalised value of his war injury element or for war injury element at the time of retirement provided disability is assessed at 20% or more for life. If he opts for lumpsum compensation then the rate of disability element for 100%

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and Other Ranks (ORs) and Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 16000/- for Officers, depending on rank.

(III) Ex-gratia Award:

Rs. 7.5 lakhs (except Kargil conflict)

Rs. 10 lakhs for Kargil conflict.

Ministry of Petroleum and includes service element for the earmarked Petrol Pump/LPG dealership for allocation to the next of kin of personnel killed in Kargil Conflict.

(IV) Leave Encashment—Maximum 300 days depending upon the number of years of service.

(V) Army Group Insurance Benefits

As per entitlement

(VI) Assistance from National Defence Funds (for Kargil casualty only-between 1.5.1999 to 31.10.1999)

(i) Rs. 5.00 lakhs for dwelling unit

(ii) Rs. 1.00 lakh per child for education upto two children per family.

Benefits to the injured personnel

disability for calculating the capitalised value of compensation is Rs. 1500, Rs. 1100 and Rs. 900 for Officers, Natural Gas has also separately JCOs and ORs respectively. In case the individual does not opt for lumpsum compensation he is granted service pension on his subsequent retirement which service rendered and war injury element at the above rates for 100% disability reduced proportionately for lesser percentage of disability.

Constant attendance allowance of Rs. 300 p.m. for 100% disability on the recommendations of the medical board.

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(iii) Rs. 2 lakhs for needy parents who were dependent on the deceased soldiers. The amount has been kept as fixed deposit and dependent parents of the deceased soldiers are to be paid monthly interest accruing on it.

(VII) Assistance from Army Central Welfare Funds:

Ex-Gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- to each living NOK of all battle casualty during the period from 15.8.1947 to 30.4.1999. Further, it has been decided that Rs. 50,000/-, in addition, in each case to be paid from NDF.

Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 30,000/- to each living NOK of all battle casualty w.e.f. 1.5.1999.

Non-Payment of contributions made by the Urban Bank

†2500. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps towards the news item published under the title "arbon bankene kelela Kargil nidhi dilach nahin" in the 'Tarun Bharat'; and

(b) the action taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In regard to the news item published in

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